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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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SUBJECT: Dissemination of [redacted] Unclassified Technical Publications Outside the Federal Government

REFERENCES:

- A. Memorandum from Assistant Director, OOD, 20 November 1947, subject: "Dissemination of CIA Publications Outside the Federal Government."
- B. CIA Administrative Instruction 50-5, subject as above, dated 9 June 1947.

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1. In confirmation of our oral discussion concerning dissemination of the [redacted] "Broadcasting Stations of the World" series, it is noted:

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a. That the compilation of such lists of technical data is a public service which [redacted] inherited from the Federal Communications Commission and which [redacted] is at present in the best position among government agencies to perform.

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b. That since the majority of requests for the publications are from radio fans who can furnish useful information or from manufacturers of radio equipment [redacted] the number of requests received under the procedure outlined in reference A are fewer than the number of requests complied with.

c. That the pretext for refusing such requests, that of budgetary limitations, is untenable in view of the minute cost of the publication per copy; and that CIA by offering it assumes an indefensible position of discriminating against individual requesters.

d. That compliance with all requests will not place an appreciable burden upon reproduction facilities.

2. Your concurrence is therefore requested in placing a broad interpretation upon the phrase "clear benefit" to CIA as the determining factor for favorable action cited in references A and B, in order to restrict dissemination only to requesters who appear to have a legitimate use for the publications.

PKS:bhr

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